

Region 3 Conditional Agriculture Waiver Program Requirements at a Glance

On July 9, 2004, the Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board adopted Order No. R3-2004-0117, Conditional Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges from Irrigated Lands. All commercial, irrigated farming operations were required to comply beginning January 1, 2005. Lands that are being prepared for planting also need to enroll. An excerpt from the Order regarding enrollment is as follows:

B. Enrollment Process

All applicants must submit the following information as part of their Notice of Intent (NOI) to enroll:

- Completed application form, including location of the operation and identification of responsible parties (owners/operators)
- Copy of map of operation (map should be the same as the one submitted to the County Agricultural Commissioner for Pesticide Use Reporting, or equivalent)
- Completed management practice checklist/self assessment form
- Certificates of attendance at Regional Board-approved farm water quality education courses, if applicable
- Statement of farm water quality plan completion, if applicable
- Election for cooperative or individual monitoring